

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NAKAI et al.

Application No.: **09/897,988**

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
SUBSTANCE UTILIZING
MICROORGANISM

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Maria Marvich

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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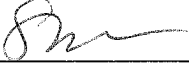
Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to January 9, 2006.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to _____.

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